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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: AUG 25 1954

FROM : Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

SUBJECT: GENERAL— BEDOX/Operational

SPECIFIC— BESMIRCH 2 - Security Review

1. Introduction. As a result of [] review and reassessment of the BESMIRCH project it became evident that there were certain specific questions concerning BESMIRCH-2 which were not clear to Headquarters. In an attempt to clarify these questions [] initiated a security review on BESMIRCH-2's activities in the BEDOX field. The results of this review are reported in detail in subsequent paragraphs. Some of the information reported here may be a repetition of previous dispatches but it was felt that this repetition was warranted in order to gain clarity.

2. BESMIRCH-2 Assessment. [] assessment of BESMIRCH-2 based on a seven week period indicates that subject is punctual, intelligent and ideologically motivated in his desire to take an active part in combatting Soviet imperialism. This assessment revealed that subject is a good interrogator and an adept handler of people. BESMIRCH-2 possesses imagination and initiative in tracking down operational leads in West Berlin. This attribute is the result of subjects years of experience in police work. This police work has given subject an excellent understanding of German bureaucracy and how it functions. The operational developments over this seven week period point out that BESMIRCH-2 is not an experienced intelligence operator and is largely incapable of improvising approaches to target areas. Once contact is established with a target personality subject is a capable recruiter. On the other hand subject could not run an agent operation into the DDR once it was mounted. In essence this means that in BESMIRCH-2 we have a valuable asset if utilized in an endeavor which harnesses all of his good qualities. This assessment indicates that in essence BESMIRCH-2 is a good spotter and recruiter but he is not a principal agent type.

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3. Documentation. BESMIRCH-2 utilizes the following listed documents in his operational activities.

A. A special investigator's pass in the name of Werner HARTMAN. This document was allegedly issued by the Economic Assessment Bureau, 140 Clay Allee Berlin. This document is used by BESMIRCH-2 in gaining access to the Refugee camps in Berlin. This document is backstopped by having any inquiries referred to the cover unit. This unit is run by BOB.

B. A Station Pass has been issued to subject in the name of Werner RHEINFELD for access to the Berlin Command Compound. This pass is issued by Berlin Headquarters Command and entitles subject to enter into the compound where his office is located.

C. Subject has a newspaper identification document in his true name validated by "Der Spiegel" and the "Frankfurter Neue Presse".

D. Subject is documented to investigate the legal and illegal aspects of East/West Trade on the bases of documentation issued by Kaffe Finkauf Kontor Hamburg.

BESMIRCH-2 uses the above listed documents in making agent contacts. The particular situation at any given time determines which set of documents is used by BESMIRCH-2 in making an agent contact.

4. Legalization. BESMIRCH-2 is registered with the West Berlin Police under his true name and is a legal resident of West Berlin. BESMIRCH-2 is a retired police inspector and is drawing a monthly pension on which he pays taxes. For all intents and purposes the neighbors know BESMIRCH-2 as a retired police inspector who tries to pick up additional funds by doing newspaper work. This extra income is not reported for tax purposes but in view of subjects pension status it is felt that there is little possibility of subjects source of income becoming the topic of an income tax investigation.

5. Recruitment Aids. When a lead is developed for recruitment BESMIRCH-2 has generally used the cover story that his activities are sponsored by American Intelligence. This cover has to be used with all agents who are recruited as a result of leads furnished by refugees who were processed at subject's office in an American military compound. Subject has made spotting approaches as a representative of an unidentified German intelligence agency on rare occasions. BESMIRCH-2 has also used his journalistic cover in contacting refugees who live with friends or relatives.

6. Personnel Security. BESMIRCH-2's experience in police work has made him conscious of security and subject conducts all of his meetings in an exemplary manner. Subject is secure in his telephone contacts and does not seem to maintain many close ties with his

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former colleagues in the police department. BESMIRCH-2 tends to lead the typical existence of a retired official who has numerous outside interests. This cover is carried out in a manner which does not attract attention to subject or his activities.

7. Health. BESMIRCH-2 has a throat growth which is affecting his windpipe and respiration. This growth will be removed by an operation during August 1954. This operation is relatively simple but one which could produce unforeseen complications as a result of subject's advanced age.

8. Compartmentation. BESMIRCH-2 has obtained the following listed knowledge of KUBARK activities in the BEDOX field as a result of his activities on our behalf. This knowledge was gained during the period July 1953 - August 1954.

A. Sponsor. BESMIRCH-2 knows that his activities are sponsored by an unidentified branch of American Intelligence. Subject knows that he is not employed by CIC.

B. Mission. BESMIRCH-2 knows that his activities are directed toward the establishment of a support mechanism which could mount and support clandestine operations in Poland. Subject knows that we are interested in obtaining intelligence reports on the transit traffic from East Germany to Poland and the USSR. BESMIRCH-2 is also aware of our interest in the barge traffic to Poland and illegal border crossers in the East German/Polish border area of Guben to Gorlitz.

C. Staff Personnel. BESMIRCH-2 knows [] as [] is known to subject as [] BESMIRCH-2 has not met any other BEDOX staff personnel but he does know other BOB staff personnel as a result of his activities in the CAUTERY operation.

D. Agent Personnel. BESMIRCH-2 knows the true identities of [] and []. Subject knows the true identities of all of the refugees which he processed for operational leads.

9. Field Comment. The completion of this security review should indicate that BESMIRCH-2 is adequately documented and covered for future activities in the BEDOX field as a spotter and interrogator of East German Refugees.

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